Uttar Pradesh as per details given below:—

Name of Bank Group	No. of Branches
Regional Rural Banks	2852
Public Sector Banks	4465
Private Sector Banks	225
Foreign Banks	2
TOTAL	7544

(c) and (d) Under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, RBI has upto 31.12.1987 allotted 729 centres to various banks in Uttar Pradesh for opening branches during the Policy period as the details given below:—

Name of Bank Group	No. of centres allotted
Regional Rural Banks	291
Public Sector Banks	432
Private Sector Banks	6
TOTAL:	729

RBI has advised the banks that branches at the allotted centres should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of the current Policy. Annual targets for opening branches have not been prescribed. As such, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the number of branches that will be opened by banks during the year 1988-89 in various districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Settlement of claims by the LIC

766. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of claims made for the payment of insurance and assurance policies in the country before the LIC during the last two years alongwith the amount of money involved;

(b) what is the number of claims still pending before the LIC alongwith the amount of money involved; and

(c) by when these claims are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The number of claims intimated to the LIC and the respective amount involved therein during the last two financial years are as under:

Year	Number (in lakh)	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1985-86	13.63	722.02
1986-87	14 48	827.64

(b) 64,829 claims for the total amount of Rs. 50.76 crores were pending for payment as on 30.6.1987.

(c) The settlement of claims is a continuous process. The LIC endeavours to settle all outstanding claims with the least possible delay provided the preliminary requirements for settlement of claims are completed by the claimants and there are no rival claims or other difficulties beyond the control of LIC.

Raw silk production

767. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the estimated percentage of increase in the cultivation of Mulbeery for raw silk production in the country at the end of the Seventh Plan as against the target, if any;